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Mr. Richard Bissell
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

During my visit with you in early August you requested that I attempt to obtain for you a map which would show lack of radar coverage over the United States at 45,000 and 60,000 feet. I have discussed this matter with General Partridge. He feels that it would be unrealistic to give you such a map because, under certain conditions, almost all of the area of the United States is covered at 45,000 feet and no guarantee of non-coverage can be given at all at 60,000 feet. You should assume that sooner or later you are going to be picked up wherever you fly and arrangements should be made accordingly. I assume that you have already discussed this with [redacted]. If there are other division commanders you feel should be brought into the picture, please let us know.

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I will be visiting Washington during the week of 19 September and would appreciate a progress report from you at that time in order that I can keep General Partridge and General Smith fully advised.

Please give my respects to Mr. Dulles. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Taylor

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